NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of comprehensive land use plans and development regulations to implement the plan (RCW 36.70A.140). King County Code 20.18.150 provides the basis for the county's public participation program and requires that the public receive a notice of intent to amend the comprehensive plan and development regulations as the same time the state is given notice. GMA requires state notice at lease sixty days before adoption of an amendment (RCW 36.70A.106). The purpose of this notice is to provide public notice for a change to a development regulation.

The Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resources Division, River and Floodplain Management Section intends to forward the following amendments to development regulations during June, 2011 to the Metropolitan King County Council for consideration and adoption:

A proposed ordinance that will adopt coastal high hazard area flood regulations for unincorporated King County along Vashon-Maury Island. King County has partnered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update the 35-year old coastal flood maps that will establish coastal high hazard area flood zones which takes into account storm-induced velocity wave action and identify 100-year flood elevations. King County does not have regulations for coastal flooding. As a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, King County is required to adopt coastal high hazard area flood regulations when FEMA draft maps identify coastal high hazard areas.

A copy of the draft proposed ordinance and summary are available online at http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/codes/legislation/legnews/PublicReviewComment.aspx Information and comments on the proposed coastal flood regulations may be sent to Priscilla Kaufmann, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, 201 South Jackson Street, Room 600, Seattle, WA 98104-3855; email: Priscilla.kaufmann@kingcounty.gov or phone (206) 205-0598.

The draft coastal flood hazard study and maps are available online at http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/waterandland/flooding/maps.aspx
For more information about the coastal flood hazard study and maps, contact Jeanne Stypula, King County's project representative, at 206-296-8380 or Jeanne.stypula@kingcounty.gov . For questions about the National Flood Insurance Program, contact John Graves, Floodplain Management Specialist at 425-487-4737or David Ratte, Regional Engineer at 425-487-4656.

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